

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Harbour Tunnel

WITH his imaginative address to the Rotary Club, Mr Lawrence Kadoorie has brought a new appeal to the harbour tunnel project, and even the most hardened critics of the scheme will find it difficult not to be captivated by his wide vision of future developments in the Colony's road communications.

Hitherto the tendency has been to regard a tunnel as a convenient and rapid way of linking the island and Kowloon for the benefit of vehicles and much of the criticism directed against the project has been based on that narrow conception. Mr Kadoorie has painted a very much broader and enticing canvas.

HOW does he see it? Let us quote some arresting observations. "Literally millions of people would use it (the tunnel) and everyday habits of thousands would be changed. City workers and labourers would be able to reach their destinations and get home again. No question of not getting to the office because No. 7 signal is up. Vegetables and other food supplies would be transported to the Hongkong markets during the night, thus avoiding queuing up for early morning ferries. Hospitals such as Queen Mary and the Matilda would be accessible to Kowloon residents during the night and in typhoon weather. The University would not seem so far distant to students living in outlying districts of Kowloon. The race course, sports stadia and football grounds would be accessible by road to all parts of the Colony. Industrial establishments would be brought in closer contact with their head offices. Shopping districts would be less concentrated. Land values would tend to equalise. The congestion of Wanchai and West Point would gradually give way to suburban living."

THESE are some of the expectations which Mr Kadoorie included in his comprehensive assessment of the value of a harbour tunnel, and if they do not rate as compelling, they are certainly appealing. If a tunnel can and will accomplish all that he anticipates, then an extremely powerful case has been made out for the undertaking.

More down to earth, and therefore possibly inviting closer attention, was his dollar arithmetic by which he sought to show that a tunnel was, from the public's viewpoint, financially feasible. His figures went a long way to confirming our hesitant estimate advanced when Government presented its experts' report. If a tunnel can pay for itself even within 20 years without the capital cost involving additional taxation, then the case for such a new line of communications becomes even stronger.

ONE other constructive suggestion made by Mr Kadoorie merits attention. He conceives additional tunnel outlets linking the eastern and western parts of the island. This may be desirable, but based on the plans drawn up by the experts it would not seem to be practicable. The existing design of the tunnel provides only for two-lane traffic; outlets would require a main tunnel large enough for four lanes. This would probably double the cost.

But if one hesitates to offer unconditional support to Mr Kadoorie's ideas, he wins the community's applause for bringing the harbour tunnel project into new and refreshing perspective.

BUDGET ANGRERS BRITAIN

Two Tory MPs Vote Against Govt TRADERS & INDUSTRIALISTS JOIN IN COMPLAINTS

London, Oct. 26.

Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr R. A. Butler, found himself unpopular tonight on nearly all sides following his autumn budget to make the country slow up on spending.

The motor trade, radio industry, bicycle manufacturers and a horde of other interests deplored the increases in purchase tax as damaging to their trades.

The Engineering Industries Association forecast that the purchase tax changes will provoke a new flood of wage claims.

In the House of Commons the Labour opposition was so angry that it forced a vote right away on the budget resolutions—virtually an immediate attempt to censure the government. Usually voting does not take place till a budget has been fully debated.

But the government had a majority of 87, by 314 votes to 227.

Two Conservative Members of Parliament, Viscount Hinchinbrooke and Major E. A. H. Legge-Bourke voted with the Labour Party and against the government at the end of Mr Butler's speech this evening.

Major Legge-Bourke said later he voted against the government because he objects to any increase in total taxation. Viscount Hinchinbrooke also said later that he felt that it was unwise to increase purchase tax more.

Mr Butler had presented the budget to a tense chamber with the Labour opposition in a sardonic and hostile mood. His speech was interrupted frequently by shouts of "resign" and occasional boos.

Mr Clement Attlee, the Labour leader, described the budget as "absolute hypocrisy."

The net effect of all Mr Butler's budgets was that they "hit the small, in particular the middle class man, who supported the Conservative government."

Mr Attlee said Mr Butler was a "most temperamental Chancellor of the Exchequer."

Amid Labour cheers he said: "He was in the depths of gloom in February (when he took his first anti-inflationary measures). He brightened up in April (at the time of the last budget) and is down in the dumps again now."

It was very difficult to find any clear policy whatever. There was no planning in the national interest in this budget.

Housewives Hit

The Chancellor of the Exchequer is bound to upset housewives because, in his purchase tax proposals, he included a long list of kitchen utensils previously exempt—such as crockery, brushes and brooms, dust bins and pails, washbaths, rolling pins and clothes-pegs.

The three rates of purchase tax will now be 30 per cent of the wholesale price of an article, 60 per cent and 80 per cent, where before they were 25, 50 and 75 per cent.

Cars, washing machines, television and radio sets, and refrigerators are all affected. These are the luxuries the British, with booming industry and bigger pay packets, have been snapping up from the shops.

From £390 To £413

The increase will push the price of Britain's cheapest car—the Ford Popular—above the £400 mark. Previously sold at a few shillings over £390, it will now go up to £413.

Today's budget is the most drastic of recent years and it should achieve the Chancellor's objective of removing the over-reliance on the economy and strengthening its foundations.

The most important anti-inflationary device will be the restraint on investment by local authorities—who do a quarter of all the national investment—and by nationalised industries who do more than another quarter of it.

The increased tax on dividends can only be regarded as a political inducement to the Socialist half of the country to co-operate in the government's efforts to stabilise the economy.

Labour and trade union circles claim that wage demands cannot be restricted while workers see shareholders making higher profits.

In his speech to the House of Commons Mr Butler said the government was determined to restore the balance of the

economy without delay so that the sterling area's gold and dollar reserves—recently dwindling sharply—could be restored. The problems he was trying to solve were not caused by "a slack or enfeebled economy."

"We are moving on a tide of vigorous, growing expansion which is outstripping the re-

sources available to maintain its strength," he said.

He said the economy had shown a "distinct improvement" during the last month.

The pound had strengthened losses of gold and dollars reserves had been halted and the trade gap between exports and imports narrowed.—Reuter.

Here Are Some Effects Of The Budget

London, Oct. 26.

Some examples of how the budget new purchase tax squeeze will affect the ordinary man: A television set which previously sold for £65 including tax at the old rate will now cost £3 5s more.

A motor car previously costing £700 will go up by about £40.

A £20 radio set will now cost about £21 and a £17 bicycle will go up by about 10s.

But one result of the altered tax arrangements on clothing means that some of the more expensive ranges of clothing will actually cost less, while some of the cheaper ranges will cost more.

This is a result of the ending of the so-called "D" scheme under which certain clothing and furnishing items were taxed on the amount by which their wholesale value exceeded a fixed "ceiling" coupled with the substitution of lower overall purchase tax rates.

The new telephone tariff increases mean that the average subscriber will pay between £1 and £3 for a year for renting his phone and another 10s on each call he makes.

But the charge for a local call from a public telephone booth will remain at the pre-budget level of 3d.—China Mail Special.

The Princess And Townsend VIEWPOINT EXPRESSED BY METHODIST LEADER

London, Oct. 26.

Britain's Methodist leader, commenting on the rumoured romance of Princess Margaret and Group Captain Peter Townsend, said in a statement today that even if the Princess renounced all claim to the throne to marry the war hero her example would not make it easier to uphold the ideal of Christian marriage.

The Reverend Dr Leslie Weatherhead, President of the Methodist Conference and spokesman for more than one million British Methodists, said that if the Princess' heir should one day come to the throne he would be "doomed to disapproval or worse in the eyes of many of the people of this realm."

This Princess, unperturbed by publicity, attended to the day's work.

OPENS SCHOOL

Smiling and pretty, in a cherry coloured coat, she opened a school for invalid children in Sussex, a school paid for with £10,000 sterling which she and her young friends raised last year with a production of the thriller, "The 39 Steps."

Declaring the school open she said: "It gives me particular pleasure to know that in some

HAND GRENADES CACHE FOUND

Teheran, Oct. 26.

The government today announced the discovery of a major Communist arms cache 12 kilometres outside the capital.

According to the announcement the cache consisted of 15,000 hand grenades stolen from army stores.

The announcement said the arms were intended for the overthrow of the Government and the installation of a Communist regime.—United Press.

Paratroopers Kill 2 Demonstrators

Agitation For Ex-Sultan

Marrakesh, Oct. 26.

Senegalese paratroopers opened fire here tonight on crowds demonstrating in favour of ex-Sultan Mohammed Ben Youssef. According to first reports two people were killed and four injured.

The crowds had gathered to welcome Si Hadj Thami el Glaoui, Pasha of Marrakesh, who yesterday demanded the return to the throne of Ben Youssef hitherto the Pasha's arch enemy.

Most of the Arab population of Marrakesh turned out to greet el Glaoui on his return from Rabat where he announced his dramatic change of heart last night.

Eyewitnesses said disorders began when police injured two demonstrators while trying to disperse one section of the surging crowd.

PROTEST MARCH

About 300 demonstrators set out for the French regional headquarters to protest against alleged police use of violence. Near the headquarters they clashed with the Senegalese paratroopers who opened fire.

Scenes of jubilation were reported today from the Arab quarters of every big town in French Morocco. Most Arabs were convinced that el Glaoui's declaration that he "shared the wish of the Moroccan people to have Ben Youssef back on the throne" meant the collapse of the last Moroccan opposition to the exiled Sultan's return.

ALLIANCE SPLIT

Medhi ben Barka, a leader of the extreme Nationalist Party, said the solution of the Moroccan problems was for the Moroccan people "purely and simply the restoration of Sidi Mohammed Ben Youssef."

The chairman of the "French Presence" movement—Richard French settlers who oppose Ben Youssef and the Nationalists, told reporters: "I have no doubt that Ben Youssef will return immediately."

Until last night "French Presence" and el Glaoui were considered allies.—Reuter.

Gun Battle

Taipei, Oct. 26.

Communist and Nationalist Chinese forces fought a five-hour gun battle this morning between Quemoy Island and the mainland, the Nationalist Defence Ministry announced here tonight.

The Ministry said that Communist Chinese guns sent 203 shells on to Quemoy Island. No casualty or damage was reported.

The battle began at 8.50 a.m. (local time), when Communist Chinese guns opened fire. Firing stopped at 1.55 p.m.—France-Press.

Frontier Agreement Ratified

London, Oct. 26.

Britain and Portugal today ratified an agreement simplifying the frontier between the African territories of Portuguese Mozambique and the British Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

The agreement signed in Lisbon in November last year provided for minor alterations to the frontier and was aimed at settling recent differences over the present line.

Instruments of ratification were exchanged today at a Foreign Office ceremony.—Reuter.

BIG 3 MEETING

Geneva, Oct. 27.

The Big Three Western foreign ministers will have a separate meeting at 11 o'clock this morning before the first Big Four session in the afternoon, British sources said.—Reuter.



PASHA EL GLAOU

ITALY WANTS TO BE FIFTH PARTY AT GENEVA

Geneva, Oct. 26.

The explosive Middle East situation cast its shadow over the Big Four Foreign Ministers' conference tonight and Italy announced that she wanted to be a "fifth party" if the Mediterranean crisis were discussed. Ambassador Renato Bova-Scoppa, special observer of the Italian government to the Big Four meeting here, told Italian newsmen that Italy wanted a "fifth big power role" in any discussion of the Middle East situation.

He said the West "could not organise peace throughout the world if it were not able in the meantime to find means to eliminate the causes of conflict which weaken and paralyse the action (of the West)." "When there are any talks about the Mediterranean, it is impossible to consider this (problem) without the presence of the fifth big power—Italy," he said.

Big Four Talks: Molotov Makes A Promise

Geneva, Oct. 26.

Mr V. Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, who arrived in Geneva today for tomorrow's Big Four foreign ministers' talks, smilingly promised that Russia would do her part in the search for "agreed solutions" and an end to the cold war.

He said the "Geneva spirit" meant the strengthening of peace, and declared "we expect of the conference every effort to seek solutions to the questions which worry us all."

Mr Molotov was followed by Mr Harold Macmillan, Britain's Foreign Secretary, and Mr Foster Dulles, United States Secretary of State. Mr Pinay, France's Foreign Minister, who is travelling by train from Paris, is due in Geneva shortly after midnight.

Mr Macmillan said on arrival: "I trust the work we shall do together will be fruitful in the cause of peace and in the settlement of the many difficult problems which beset Europe."

"We have the chance of doing good work together and I pray that under providence we may succeed."

Mr Dulles said at the airport: "The United States delegation will seek with necessary consultation to achieve the constructive elements of a just and durable peace sought by the earlier conference of the heads of government."

Happy Memories

He said Geneva had many happy memories for him, and "The spirit of Geneva has become identified with the hopes of all the world."

"In that spirit the four foreign ministers will meet and seek to carry out the directives given by the four heads of government when they met here last July."

"Those directives in the first instance deal with the closely linked subjects of unification of Germany and European security."

The four foreign ministers will meet in the Council Chamber of the Palace of Nations, where their heads of government last July laid the foundations for negotiations to end nearly a decade of tension between the two world blocs.

Big Task Ahead

Before them lies the task of proposing "effective means" of solving the problems of European security and German reunification, world disarmament and the development of East-West contacts to break down the "iron curtain."

But Western diplomats believe the negotiations on this agenda drawn up by the heads of government will be overshadowed by the ministers' private discussion on the new crisis in the Middle East provoked by Russia's campaign to woo the Arab states.

In the Big Four talks the West will propose to Russia a phased programme of negotiations culminating in the simultaneous conclusion of an East-West security alliance and the reunification of Germany through free elections.

Only when Germany was reunited would the treaty come into operation—and Germany (Contd. on back page, Oct. 31)

Britain May Supply China With Galvanised Sheets

London, Oct. 26.

A government spokesman indicated tonight that Britain would allow British firms to export galvanised iron sheets to China in "exceptional circumstances."

A Liberal Peer, Lord Ellbank, had asked in the House of Lords whether the government knew of the contract in September between Japanese steel manufacturers and China. Under this, he said, Japanese manufacturers were to export galvanised steel sheets in part exchange for Kailan coal.

Japan was importing this coaling coal at about one third of the price, including freight, of United States coal, with the resulting effect on the price of Japanese steel, he said.

He asked if British firms would be allowed to apply for permission to export galvanised steel to China.

Lord Mancroft, Home Under-Secretary replied:

"I think I can say that in exceptional circumstances the government would be prepared to consider sympathetically applications by United Kingdom firms to export galvanised iron sheets to China."

Lord Ellbank had earlier urged the government to ask the United Nations to rescind its 1951 resolution imposing an embargo on the export of strategic goods to China. This, he said, was put on solely in relation to the Korean war.—Reuter.

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Move To Topple Faure

CENSURE MOTION CONDEMNING N. AFRICA POLICY

Paris, Oct. 26. Premier Edgar Faure tonight faced a left-wing move to topple his government before the French Parliament can vote on his request for new general elections five or six weeks from now.

The opposition Socialist Party presented a motion of censure, sweepingly condemning the Faure government as "incapable of coping with the difficulties of the moment, ending the conflicts in North Africa and promoting a bold programme of economic and social expansion."

The Socialist, in an obvious bid for broad parliamentary support for their motion, struck out a phrase which would have included a condemnation of the centre and right-wing majority which voted the Premier into office last February.

The elimination of these words, which appeared in the original draft of the motion presented by the Socialist former Minister, M. Christian Pineau, was approved by two-thirds of the Socialist parliamentary group.

General Policy

The Socialist motion was presented to the Assembly debated general government policy, with the emphasis on North African and economic affairs. The discussion centred around Socialist and Communist questions on government plans for financing military expenses in North Africa.

The questions were submitted by Pineau and veteran Communist leader Jacques Duclos.

Premier Faure has been authorized by his Cabinet to request a vote of confidence at any time during the present debate.

The general policy debate forestalled immediate discussion of the government request to call for general elections next December 4 or December 11, instead of June, 1956, when the Assembly's normal five-year term runs out. If Parliament

JAL Open Washington Office

Washington, Oct. 26. The Japanese Ambassador today opened the new Washington office of Japan Air Lines and described the company's expansion as a major step in the strengthening of Japan's trade and commercial relationships with the United States.

The air lines' Trans-Pacific service, between Tokyo and San Francisco, began in January, 1954. It does not transport passengers within the United States.

Mr. Iguchi said he was especially proud that Japan's "spirit of enterprise is now represented among the great airlines of the world in one of the world centres of air traffic."

Closer Relations

He added: "With an ever-widening air avenue of communication between our two countries, obstacles to free cultural and commercial intercourse are again reduced, and the persisting desire on both sides of the Pacific for closer relations is accommodated."

Attending the ceremony were Mr. Yoshiko Kojima, Vice-President of Japan Air Lines in charge of American region operations, and other air line officials from Tokyo and the United States.—Reuter.

Many Deputies, both in and outside Faure's parliamentary majority, are seeking a change in the election system which prevailed during the last general elections in 1951. — France-Press.

Maid Marian—New Style



Robin Hood never knew a Maid Marian like this in Sherwood Forest, but 21-year-old Jinx Clark will be playing the role in "Babe in the Wood" on ice when it opens at Wembley on December 15. Jinx, who has the same bust measurements as Jane Russell, was recently nominated from the 400 ice skaters in America as the "girl with the sexiest figure and voice on skates." Robin Hood is to be played in the Wembley ice panty by world ice skating champion Jacques Line du Bief. — Reuterphoto.

Women Taught To Shop

London, Oct. 26. British women are to be taught how to shop.

The British Standards Institution has discovered that most of them buy goods by the price label. They have no idea, and ask no questions about quality and staying power.

The Institution, which aims at standardization of engineering and industrial goods, will teach women from all over Britain how to judge denim and gauge in nylons, how to tell wool from rayon, and how to know the difference between cotton and linen glass-cloths.

These are some of the things a recent test among 100 provincial women showed up. The women know a boiling fowl from a roaster, most could tell butter from margarine and real cream from synthetic. But when it came to testing the woollies they buy for their husbands, they knew next to nothing, the Institution reported.

They will teach the women what is right and what is wrong in textiles, writing paper, and kitchen utensils, in a series of nation-wide tests.—China Mail Special.

Common Free Market For Europe

Paris, Oct. 26. A common free market is an economic necessity for the future of Europe, Mr. Warren Leo Plessner, President of the International Chamber of Commerce, said in a statement published today.

Mr. Plessner, an American, called on the foreign ministers of the six member nations of the European Coal and Steel Community to take definite steps toward forming a free market at their next meeting, scheduled for early December.

Mr. Plessner said the establishment of a common free market between the coal-steel pool countries would be a "stepping-stone" to a wider European market.

Mr. Plessner said: "Whatever may be the position politically, the unification of six, seven or as many European countries as are willing to participate is an economic necessity for the future of Europe.—France-Press.

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SILKY GIFTS

Tokyo, Oct. 26. The spokesman of Japan's Central Silk Reeling Association announced today that the association will send 20,000 cases of sample silk goods free to the United States as educational material in American high schools.

He said the export is aimed at giving American youth correct understanding of silk goods made in Japan.

Each case contains samples of cocoon, raw silk and silk textiles accompanied by an 18-page pamphlet describing how silk is made and how it is used.—China Mail Special.

Plastic Grafting Discoveries

Paris, Oct. 26. Leading French scientists today disclosed sensational new discoveries they have made by treating plastics with radioactive substances.

Most spectacular of the new processes is the making of two known plastics into a third, completely new plastic, by treating them with cobalt 60.

The new materials so formed have entirely new properties and are sometimes as much as ten times larger and 42 times heavier than the combined "raw" materials, and also have increased powers of resistance to heat and other influences.

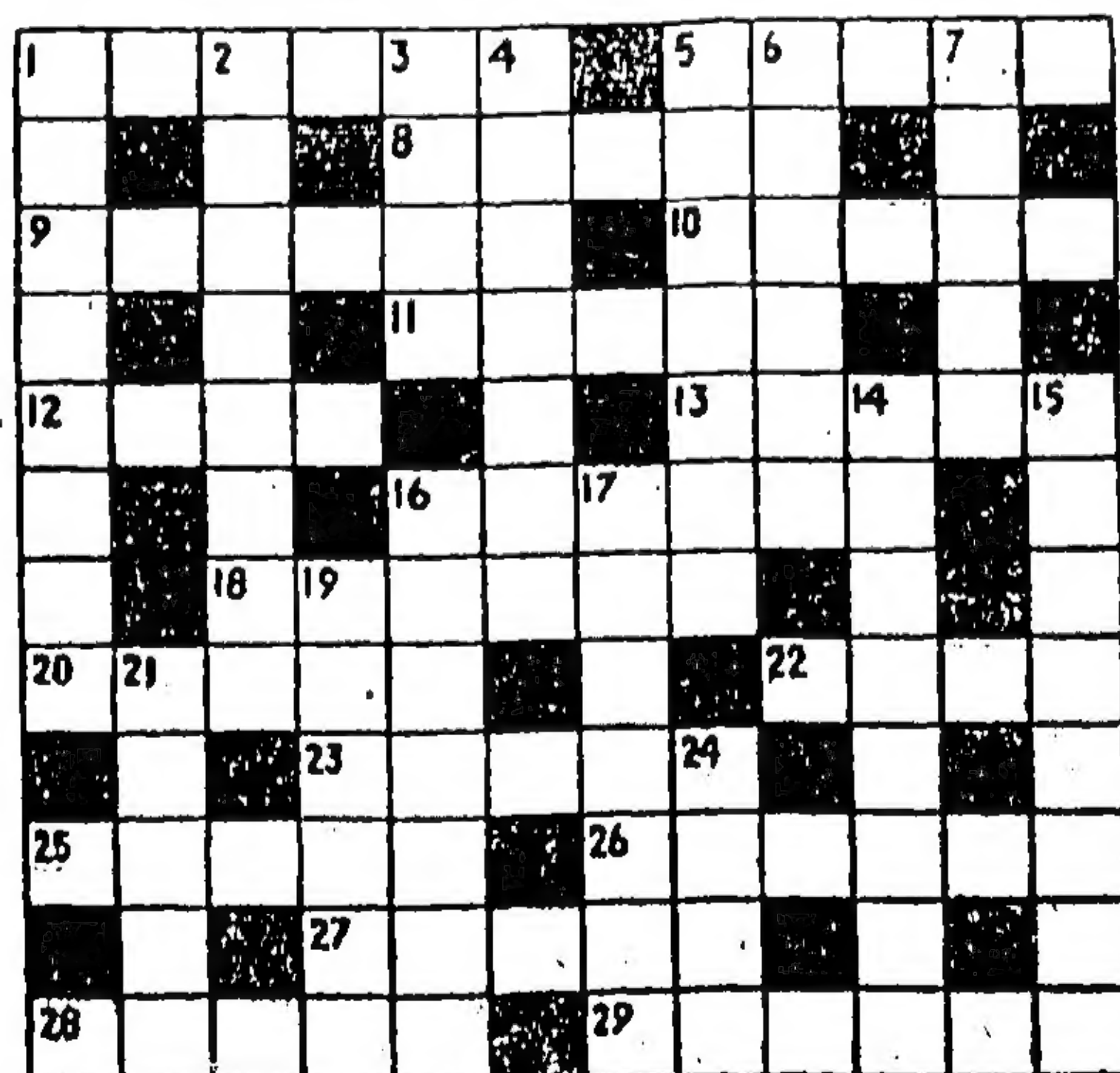
This opens up a completely new future for synthetic materials such as nylon, terylene and living tissues.

The scientists believe the discoveries may also have important implications for medicine. Plastics are in many respects like living tissues, and if methods can be discovered for making them resistant to radioactivity, it may be possible to apply these techniques to the protection of living cells.

News of this process was released today at a meeting of French scientists called by the French Council for advanced research.

The meeting took the form of a visit to the laboratories of the Faculty of Science of the University of Paris, where a team of research workers, headed by Professor Michel Margat, has been experimenting with about 60 radiations.—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 Astute (6).
 - 5 Stupid (5).
 - 8 Insurgent (6).
 - 9 Material (6).
 - 10 Last (5).
 - 11 Subject (5).
 - 12 Lounge (4).
 - 13 Beverage (5).
 - 14 Repeat from memory (6).
 - 15 Crockery (6).
 - 16 Consume (6).
 - 17 Lake (4).
 - 22 Colour (5).
 - 23 Musical work (5).
 - 24 Conundrum (6).
 - 25 Come in (6).
 - 26 Swift (5).
 - 27 Hidden (6).
- DOWN**
- 1 Pieces of embroidery (8).
 - 2 Determined (6).
 - 3 Legal document (4).
 - 4 Signifies (7).
 - 5 Amount short (7).
 - 6 Bring to light (6).
 - 7 Condition (5).
 - 14 Protector (8).
 - 15 Debut (8).
 - 16 Beaming (7).
 - 17 Middle portions (7).
 - 18 Freedom of access (6).
 - 21 Scholar (5).
 - 24 Ancestor (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Aged, 7 Dozen, 8 Iron, 9 Nolo, 10 Pleases, 12 Spar, 15 Toast, 16 Pert, 19 Impel, 21 Chest, 22 Area, 23 Saved, 24 Bole, 25 Diddled, 26 Lead, 31 Iota, 32 Merit, 33 Neils. Down: 1 Folly, 2 Relatives, 4 Gloss, 5 Dice, 6 Come, 9 Napt, 11 Sorts, 12 Rupa, 14 Role, 15 Tired, 17 Scab, 19 Pen, 20 Meddles, 22 Avid, 24 Adult, 25 Retch, 27 Aged, 28 Plan.

New York, Oct. 26. Israel's Minister of Development warned today that if the Western Powers are anxious to avoid a war in the Middle East, Israel must be supplied with an arms balance with Egypt.

In one of the bluntest declarations made so far on the new flare up of hostilities in the Middle East, Dr Doy Joseph said Israel will be forced to make "grave decisions" unless it gets the equivalent in arms that Egypt is getting from Czechoslovakia.

He named this sum as about \$100,000,000 to \$200,000,000. "There is only one way to make sure no war will occur," Dr Joseph told reporters here, "and that is to give Israel as much arms as are now given to Egypt and other Arab states by the Soviet bloc."

Oil was first found in the barren Negev desert region last September. Since then another strike was made from the same well.

Dr Joseph said oil from the two strikes—400 to 500 barrels daily—is enough to supply three per cent of Israel's oil requirements.

He termed the future "promising" saying the oil is "good quality" and from a "large oil structure covering an area of 2,000 acres."

"We should be able to operate 70 or 80 wells out of the structure."

"There are other structures on the coast between Haifa and Haifa," he said, United Press.

He termed the situation "more serious than what one may imagine."

Dr Joseph left open the possibility that Israel would accept arms from the Soviet "if we can get them from no other source."

"We would prefer to get arms from where we have been getting them—the United States, England and France."

He said Israel since its inauguration as a state has received no arms from the Soviets.

Dr Joseph accused the Western Powers of supporting a "dictatorship" in their dealings with the Egyptian Government.

"Who is it who is refusing to sit down and talk peace?" he said.

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Mortars & Machineguns In Action

Jerusalem, Oct. 26. EGYPTIAN soldiers took up positions 200 metres inside the demilitarised zone of El Auja inside Israeli territory for a brief spell this morning, the United Nations truce observer headquarters here reported.

An Israeli source, the UN said, Egyptian soldiers attacked an Israeli post in the zone this morning, wounding four occupants and abducting two more.

A preliminary report by UN observers on the spot said the Egyptians opened machinegun fire on the Israeli post at 11 a.m. and followed up with mortar fire before Israeli aircraft arrived on the scene. The fire lasted half an hour, when two Israeli light bombers flew over the area.

The Egyptians had left the Israeli post. The Egyptian position 200 metres inside the zone was then evacuated at 11.30 a.m.

The report said further that at 12.35 p.m. five Egyptians were observed inside the zone digging a position. An hour later, Israeli heavy machinegun fire was reported, as well as two mortar shells.

The United Nations here said its observers on the spot were trying to prevent further incidents.

An Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman said today he deplored the "impression" given by the United Nations Truce Commission communiqué dealing with the incident which occurred in the demilitarised zone of Nizan this morning.

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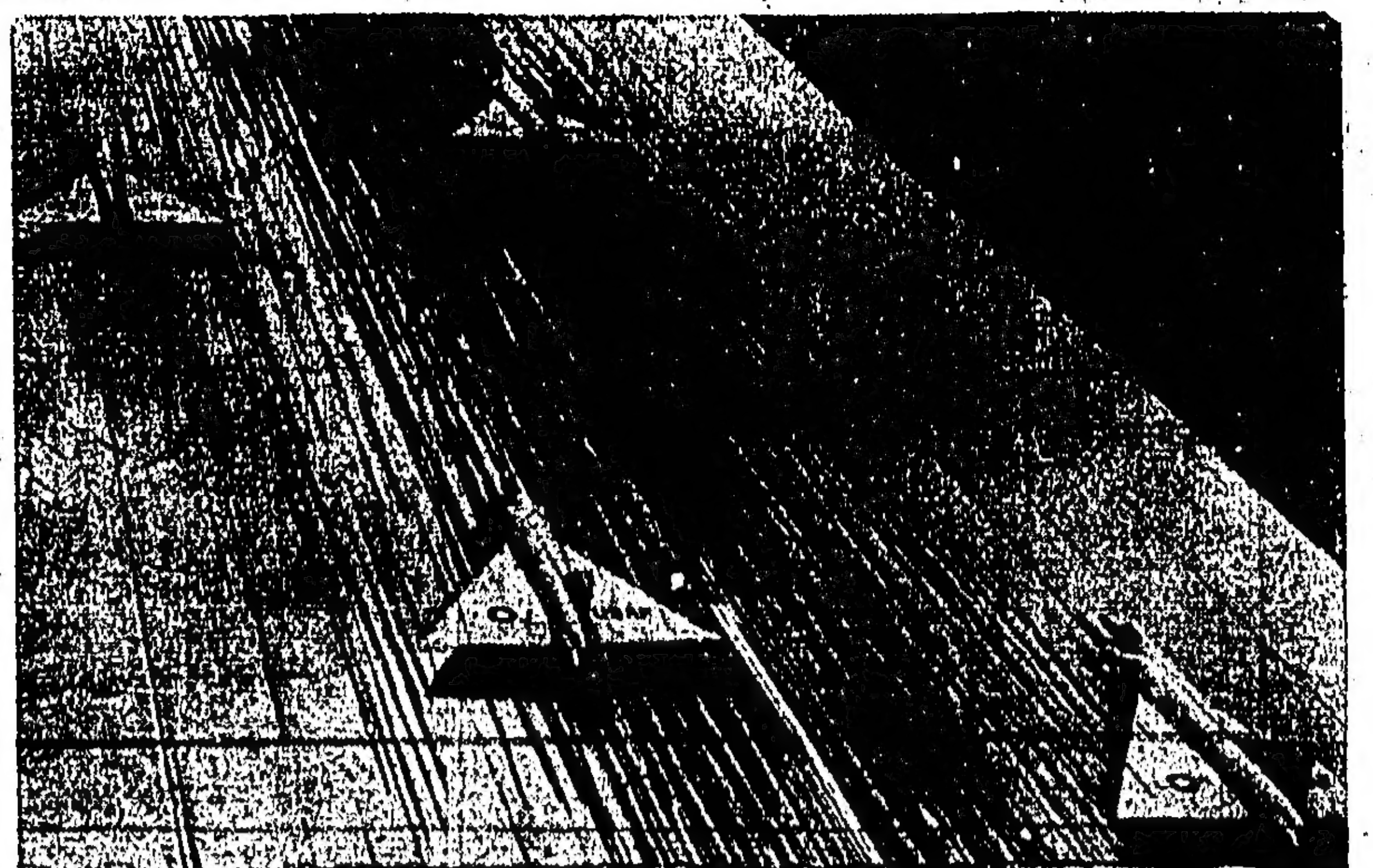
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Four US Convair F-102A all-weather jet interceptors speed down the runway at Palm Springs air base, California—see do they? Truth is this picture was taken a split-second before take-off. Illusion of speed comes from wasp-waist streamlining of machines and the multitude of streaks left on the runway by aircraft landing at this Mojave Desert base. Man, how fast can you get?—Express Photo.

DULLES VISITING TITO Counter To Russian Leaders' Charm

Washington, Oct. 26. US Secretary of State John Foster Dulles's visit to Marshal Tito during the Big Four Foreign Ministers conference is aimed at countering stepped-up Soviet efforts to woo Yugoslavia.

Soviet-Yugoslav relations have improved steadily ever since Russian Premier Nikolai A. Bulganin and Communist Party boss Nikita S. Khrushchev visited Belgrade earlier this year. The two Soviet leaders turned on full charm during the visit and cemented relations which had been broken from 1948 to 1954.

The United States has been keeping a keen eye on the move toward Yugoslavia since then to make sure Marshal Tito is not getting too friendly with Russia. Yugoslavia has been getting military and economic aid from the West since its break with Russia.

The State Department announced yesterday that Mr Dulles plans to leave the Foreign Ministers meeting in Geneva briefly to visit Marshal Tito at the Yugoslav President's vacation retreat on the island of Brioni.

The announcement said Mr Dulles, who has never been in Yugoslavia or met Marshal Tito, will talk over "problems of current interest." But it did not spell these out.

Officials here said there are no "crisis" problems between the two nations that need solving at the moment, however. Deputy Under-Secretary of State Robert Murphy, a top State Department troubleshooter, made a visit to Belgrade just three weeks ago in which he was reported to have cleaned up such problems. It appeared that Mr Dulles wanted to put his theory of "personal diplomacy" to work to counter the Bulganin-Khrushchev visit of last spring. Yugoslavia has long been the object of an East-West tug-of-war and Mr Dulles apparently wants to get in a good tug for the West while he is in the area. The Belgrade radio said the impending visit by Mr Dulles will be a "significant" factor in further friendship between the two nations.

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Treatment Of Indians Question

S.A. ADAMANT

United Nations, Oct. 26. UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld today reported failure of UN mediation efforts in the dispute over the treatment of people of Indian origin in South Africa.

In his report to the General Assembly, he recalled that the Assembly last November had adopted a resolution urging the governments of South Africa on the one hand and those of India and Pakistan on the other to seek solution of the dispute by direct negotiation.

The resolution also provided that if the parties had not reached agreement within six months, the Secretary-General should designate a person to assist in a settlement.

Mr Hammarskjöld last June designated Mr Luis de Faro, Jr., of Brazil to act as mediator. India and Pakistan promised cooperation but South Africa declined to work with him on the ground that the Indian minority problem is a purely domestic matter.

Nothing Further

Mr de Faro was in New York from July to mid-September, attempting unsuccessfully to make formal contact with the UN delegations of the countries involved.

On September 15 he wrote Mr Hammarskjöld: "After having carefully considered all possibilities, I regret to say that in view of the attitude of the Government of the Union of South Africa there is, I believe, nothing further I can do to facilitate negotiations between the parties."

The dispute was brought into the United Nations in 1946. It will be debated once again in the General Assembly's Special Political Committee, probably in November.—United Press.

9 MAU MAU KILLED

Nairobi, Oct. 26. Kenya security forces killed nine Mau Mau and captured seven today.

Eight more Mau Mau surrendered to bring the total captives to 302.—United Press.

Cockcroft Urges Continued U.S. Co-operation

New York, Oct. 26. Sir John Cockcroft, Britain's atomic research director, was warmly applauded today by delegates from 13 nations when he urged continued co-operation between Britain and the United States in developing peaceful uses of atomic energy.

At a meeting held by the National Industrial Conference Board he reviewed the work of the Geneva "atoms for peace" conference in August and ended by expressing Britain's thanks for American help in developing its atomic programmes.

"I hope we have also been able to contribute to the United States programme," he added. "I hope this collaboration may continue."

An American biologist urged continued research to learn the precise effects of radiation upon heredity for the atomic age safe for present and future generations.

There were many opinions on radiation effects but no fully definitive answers yet, the biologist, Dr B. P. Sonnenblick, told the conference.

Dose Not Known

The dose of radiation that would seriously affect the human population was not known, he said. "It is with the influence of genetic changes on individuals that we ought to be concerned."

Exposure to radiation might produce some superior human beings by altering genes—the carriers of heredity—for the better, he said. But the bigger chance was that most genetic changes would be harmful leading to diminished fitness, vigour and length of life.

"So-called 'alarmist' views concerning radiation may be considered as over-statements but we should always remember that they may eventually be found to have had a sound basis," Dr Sonnenblick said.—China Mail Special.

Water & Soil Conservation In Shensi

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The proposed measures, when carried through, would considerably contribute to the harnessing of the river and ensure the increase of local crop yields, the agency added.—France-Press.

British Firm To Mine Burma Coal

London, Oct. 26. Messrs Powell Duffryn, the British firm of engineers, have been engaged by the Burmese Government to pioneer coal mining in the country, says a message from Rangoon.

Exploration and drilling in the area of Kalewa have revealed a seam large enough to produce 300,000 tons of coal a year for at least 30 years.

Burma, which normally imports between 250,000 to 300,000 tons of coal annually from India, has never produced coal before.

Messrs Powell Duffryn will be responsible for designing and installing equipment, putting the mines through and maintaining them until local technicians can be trained.—China Mail Special.



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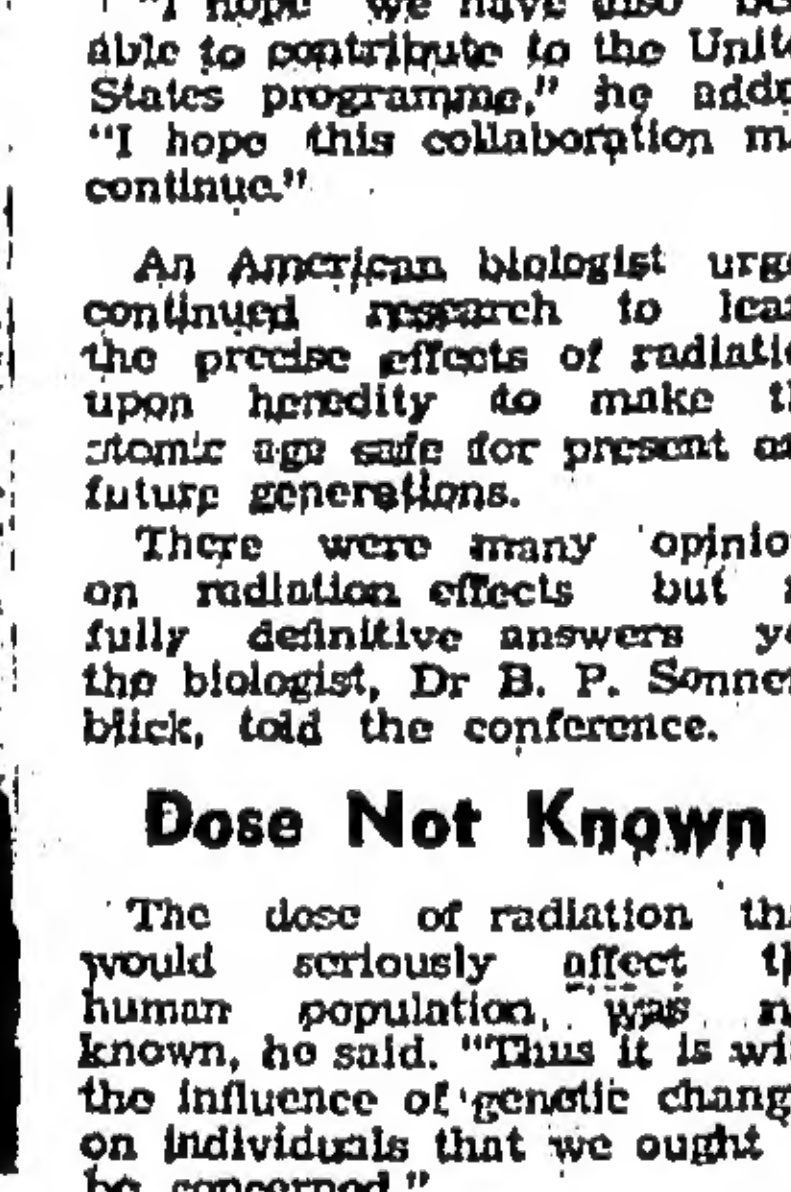
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Rome, Oct. 26. The cultural agreement signed by Japan and Italy in Tokyo was ratified here tonight by the Italian parliament.

It was ratified by 301 votes to 173.—France-Press.

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Gordon Pirie Hates To Admit Defeat, Let Alone Failure

Over a bedroom mantelpiece in a Coulsdon, Surrey, semi-detached house, stands a coloured framed photograph of a famous athlete. It has been there for a long time. But today, that photograph has a greater significance.

For it is of Emil Zatopek, his proud owner is Gordon Pirie, the man who has taken a step nearer to realising a dream by bringing his victory toll over the amazing Czech to 3-1 this season.

Pirie's dream is to take over from Zatopek as the world's greatest distance runner. His first victory over the Czech was in Prague last month when Gordon won over 5,000 Metres only to be beaten in the 10,000 metres.

With the score at one-all, the battle scene was on October 12 transferred to London's White City Stadium. There Pirie took the score to 2-1 with a fine victory in the 10,000 Metres. Pirie reaped his final triumph over 6,000 Metres in Manchester three days later.

Pirie is 23, Zatopek 10 years his senior. Pirie has almost reached his peak. Zatopek, nearing the end of his fantastic career, plans to retire after the Melbourne Olympic Games next year.

NOT SO GREAT
Add to these facts Zatopek's world record time of 20 mins

54.2 secs for the 10,000 Metres against Pirie's best ever time of 29 mins, 17.2 secs over this distance, and you might feel that Pirie's achievement was not so great.

But then Zatopek is still World Champion. And when in Prague the two met for the second time in two days, it was Pirie who tired and lost.

But only once in the Pirie career, has the Croydon Puff been forced to retire, apart from injury. That was in London last July, when he was run into the ground by the man who has so often helped him to win a brilliant tactical race, Ken Norris.

A Chris Chataway or a Roger Bannister would have accepted such an event as 'unfortunate', and forgotten all about it.

Not Pirie. He hates to admit defeat, let alone failure.

This attitude, inspired simply by devotion to what Pirie feels is his duty, has made him one of the most criticised athletes of all time.

Pirie claims that Britain's Press has not given him a completely square deal. For instance he is regularly asked whether he hopes to break a record or beat 'So and So'. Pirie's answer has normally been 'Yes'.

For, as he says, who doesn't go out either to break a record or win. Many have misconstrued these remarks, however, and suggested that Pirie is big-headed.

An individualistic temperament, unconventional and sometimes unpopular opinions have not helped. Like the time he told a public gathering that racing motorist Mike Hawthorn had done more to elevate British prestige than any battalion of National Servicemen. And that at a time when the controversy over Hawthorn and National Service was raging.

ON HIS OWN

For Pirie has long been a man on his own, a man with a purpose. That purpose was the eventual defeat of Zatopek, and the fulfilment of the rigid training schedule set by his German coach Woldemar Gerschler.

In a day which starts at 7.45 am, and ends with bed at 10 pm, Pirie has time only for eating, his job—he travels for a firm of paint manufacturers—and athletics.

No pictures, dances or fun. Just work, grinding, relentless work which takes him round and round his local track, round and round again, until Pirie is satisfied that he has carried out his monthly correspondence course to the letter.

Has it been worthwhile? Well, Pirie has pulled his way to victories and records in almost every event from the Half-Mile to the Six Miles, and in the field of Cross Country. And now he has beaten the mighty Zatopek.

Perhaps it was not true to say that Pirie has been a man entirely on his own. He has always had the fullest support from his family.

Elder brother Peter is also an athlete, and captain of Pirie's club, South London Harriers. Mum attends to Gordon's diet. Dad, a former Scottish international Cross Country runner, lends moral support.

In 1948, young Pirie and his father carried the Olympic torch through the Surrey countryside on its way to Wembley. No-one who saw them realised that the tall, slim 17-year-old was to become a British Champion, the most talked about man in British athletics, and conqueror of Emil Zatopek.

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HKABA Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Hongkong Amateur Boxing Association will take place at the Missions to Seamen on Monday at 7 p.m.

The agenda will include the election of office bearers for the 1955-56 season.

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PIRIE BEATS ZATOPEK



Gordon Pirie, the winner, consoles the great Czech runner Zatopek (centre) after he had beaten him in the 10,000 Metres in the athletic match between London and Prague at White City on October 12. The other figure is Ken Norris, who finished second. Zatopek was third.—Central Press Photo.

Bulldozers Tear Up Melbourne Cricket Ground For Olympic Games

By ANTHONY SYME

Within weeks, 16,000 tons of soil from Victoria's Dandenong Ranges will cover some of Australia's most nurtured and most pampered acres as Melbourne Cricket Ground is transformed into the main stadium for the Olympic Games next year.

The famous wickets, which helped to make the names of such batsmen as Donald Bradman, W. H. Ponsford, Alan Kippax, and England's Walter Hammond, have already gone. Bulldozers ripped them into a sticky mess in a few minutes.

For this ground, which saw the first Australian and English teams meet in 1862 and has since been the spiritual home of first-class cricket in Australia, will be the main stadium for the Games. Some 3,000 tons of clinders will replace the 4,000 tons of the black Merri Creek soil which 50 years of top dressing has spread over the 4½ acres playing arena.

This top dressing, with 12,000 tons of original silt and clay,

will be used on Melbourne's suburban parks.

MAIN ARENA

To meet Olympic standards the main arena will be levelled. At present, it has a fall from north to south across the ground.

With its "face-lift" the arena will be lowered four feet at the north end, and raised three feet at the south. A carefully tested grass mixture will be sown, and within 14 weeks there will be green turf. A "weather-proof" drainage system is part of the re-grading project.

Foundations for all the tracks will be laid in the arena. But the tracks themselves, to be topped with a three-inch layer of "En-tout-cas", running surface imported from England, will not be put down until six weeks before the Games. Three inches of loam and turf will cover the foundations until October next year.

After the 1956 final in the Victorian Australian Rules Football is played on the ground, the three-inch protecting surface will come up, and the running surface will go down.

New grandstand accommodation for the Games, already 40 per cent complete will increase the capacity of the ground to around 120,000, compared with some 90,000 who managed to get in for the recent football final before the gates were locked.

Work on other Olympic sites, only short distances from the main stadium, is ahead of schedule. The steel swimming stadium has been roofed, excavations for the pools themselves begun, and forms into which concrete will be poured for seating are in position.

HOCKEY EVENTS

Olympic Park ovals, to be used by teams for training and for Association football and hockey events, will be completed during the summer. Turf on the hockey ground is well formed, and the building of the grandstand is underway. The 333 metres concrete cycling track will be laid on wooden foundations.

After the Games, the concrete surfacing will come off and a 250-metre board track be built for professional cycling.

At the Olympic Village site, eight miles away in the suburb of Heidelberg, 600 of the proposed 812 houses are well advanced. Pablers are busy on many of them. Large temporary buildings for dining rooms and other offices are going up, and trees have been planted as a first instalment of the landscaping.

Contracts have been let for a shopping centre within the village, and for the facade to display the flags of all nations competing in the Games.—China Mail Special.

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TOP STALLIONS SHOULD NOT BE SOLD ABROAD

Says RICHARD BAERLEIN

The departure of two young stallions, one of whom was a Derby winner, for America would have been headline news before the war. But when Mr Joe McGrath sold his Derby winner, Arctic Prince, and his Champion Stakes winner, Solar Slipper, recently, the deal passed without comment.

The British racing public has got used to the sale of their old favourites to America, a traffic which has flowed freely ever since the Aga Khan sold three of his Derby winners, Blenheim, Bahram and Mahmoud, during the war.

Mr Joe McGrath bought Nasrullah from the Aga Khan and made a good purchase. When McGrath, in turn, sold Nasrullah to America he made a bad deal, for Nasrullah would have earned far more money than the price received for it if he had remained at stud in Ireland.

McGrath has built up an enormous turf empire, second only to the Aga Khan in the British Isles. He must not have too much of the same blood in his stud.

CLOSELY RELATED

Arctic Prince and Solar Slipper are closely related. The dam of Solar Slipper is the granddam of Arctic Prince. Solar Slipper's oldest offspring are four years old.

His famous sons to date are Panastipper and State Trumpeter. He nearly aired a Derby winner in his second year at stud.

It is too early to judge Arctic Prince as a sire, for he had runners for the first time this season. Prince of Greine is his best son, but Royal Enclosure and Ungava have so far given Arctic Prince no credit.

In fairness to Arctic Prince, his best looking yearlings of last season went to America and so it would be easy to condemn him prematurely.

NO LOSS

At present it does not look as if the British turf will suffer unduly from the loss of Solar Slipper and Arctic Prince.

But other deals are pending and there is no knowing where this export of stallions will stop. Only syndicated sales seem assured of remaining in this country.

Recently an exceptionally lucky owner was trying to justify his decision to sell to America by asking his listeners how he could possibly afford to refuse the deal. Racing, of course, is a business but it is also a sport.

If they are loyal to the turf which provides their pleasure, they should try to ensure that British bloodstock is superior to any in the world.

It is no use asking racecourse executives to sink their profits for several years to help keep the owners going, while at the same time the owners are cashing in on the American market and are not doing their part to help keep racing going.

There are plenty of owners still on the turf today who could help the British thoroughbred. They do not need the money from exporting good stallions.

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Boussac Stable Will Still Be A Big Threat

The great French owner-breeder, Marcel Boussac, won the Eclipse Stakes with Argus in 1953 and the Gold Cup with Elpenor last year. But these victories, important though they were, were so isolated as to infer that the Boussac stud was on the decline.

This happens to every stud but, while the decline is expected, it appeared to come suddenly to the Boussac stud, and within a year or two of reaching the peak of its fame.

This year on the English turf, M. I. issue has been even less successful. At Ascot he won only one small race, with Whiranek.

Halfway through Royal Ascot, English racing men were congratulating themselves that the French were no longer a menace in our big races and that British breeding policy was at last bearing fruit.

QUICK CHANGE

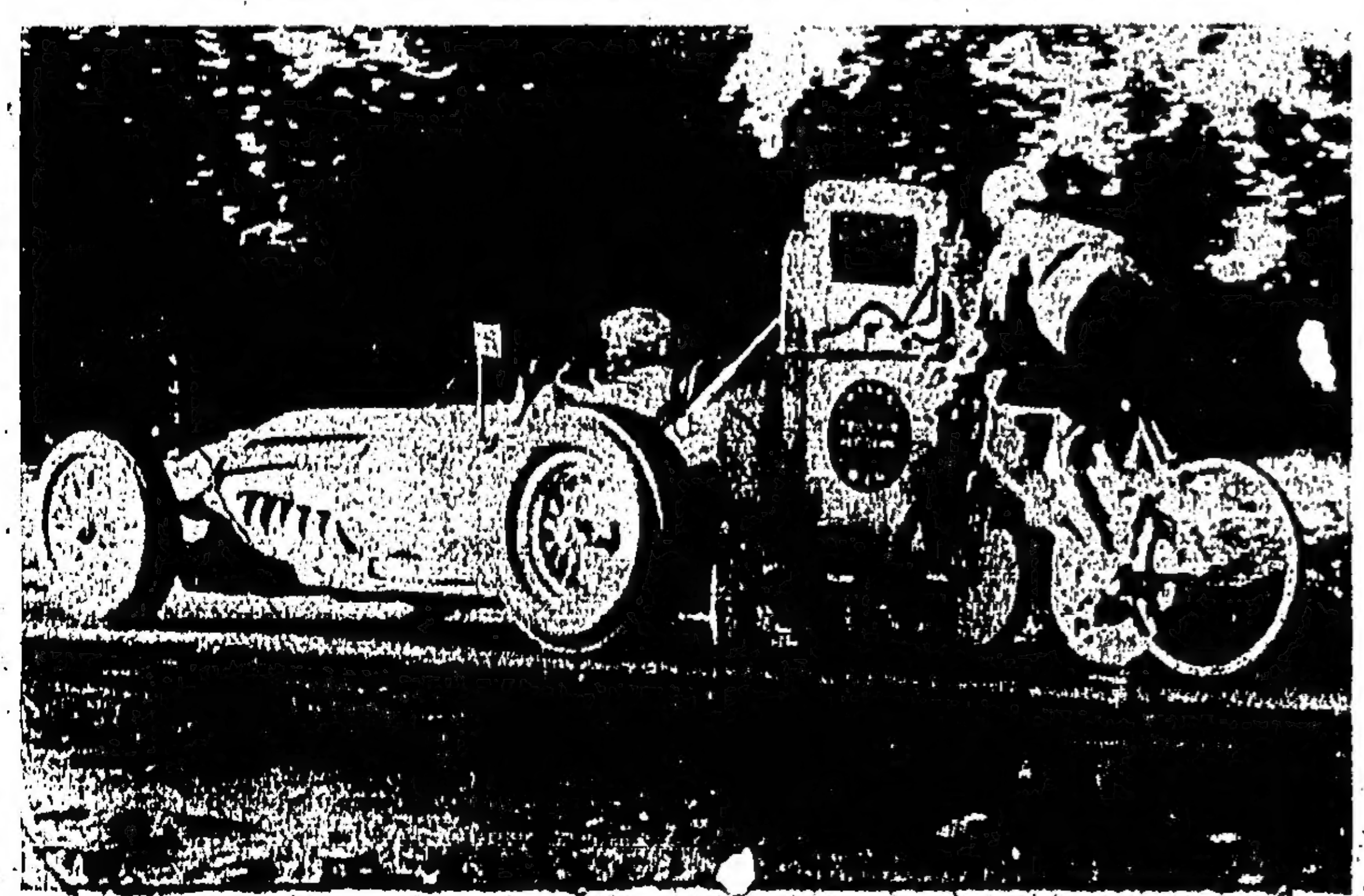
Palnirva had won a race at Epsom for young Alex Head, but there did not appear to be any French horses formidable enough to challenge our best. How quickly the scene has changed. Head has now won eight of our most important races, to the value of more than £48,000—an average of £6,000 a race.

Having won both the colts and fillies two-year-old "classics," it was obvious that Head would continue to be a menace on the English turf, though in future many of his winners would be Irish-bred.

LONDON WINS

London, Oct. 26. London beat Frankfurt in the Inter-Cities soccer match at Wembley Stadium tonight by three goals to two after Frankfurt had led by their two goals at half-time.—Reuter.

FRENCH CYCLING AC'S NEAR MISS



Idol of the French sporting public, 40-year-old cyclist Jose Meffret is pictured during his recent attempt to break his own bicycle speed record of 109 mph which is also the World record. M. Meffret was paced by a racing car and attained a speed of 100 mph. The record attempt was made on a road between St. Diester and Perthes in the Vosges district of France. — Express Photo.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Soccer
1st Division: South China v K.M.B. (Club); Police v Sing Tao (B3). Both matches at 2.35 p.m.
2nd Division: K.M.B. v South China; Kitchens v Jardines; C.A.A. v Club (Club). All three games will commence at 2.35 p.m.; Police v K.M.B. (B3) at 4.45 p.m.

TOMORROW

Soccer
Combined R.A.F. 1st Team v Combined Chinese (Club) at 2 p.m.

Climatic conditions have a lot to do with it, but the preparations for the match are a more important factor.

HANDICAPS

We had both territorial advantage and adequate preparation for the last contest at Wentworth, Surrey, two years ago, and we ought to have won it, instead of losing by one point.

Usually our teams arrive on the US scene only a few days before the match, with insufficient time to acclimatise themselves to living conditions strange to them.

Of the team I had charge of, at least half suffered from stomach trouble.

The texture of the putting greens on many American courses, different from those to which British players are accustomed, is another handicap to be overcome. We are almost always beaten around and on the greens.

This time the handicaps are slighter. Almost every member of the British team has some experience of US courses. Several of them have made a number of journeys to the States and competed there in big events.

They have a true valuation of what they are up against, and that is half the battle.

I would not for a moment predict a smashing British victory, but I have not written off the match as lost already.

Before the big match the team play in amateur — professional tournaments at Atlantic City, on two courses at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and at Palm Springs. These are not very strenuous events, but they should provide varied playing experience.

PLENTY OF PRACTICE

Then, the team will have a full week of organised practice on the Ryder Cup course, which should be sufficient for anybody.

Lloyd Mangrum, non-playing captain of the US (who was beaten by Eric Brown in the last contest) has five Ryder Cup newcomers among the ten men. Of the others, Sam Snead (beaten by Harry Weetman last time) is making his sixth appearance.

In the big tournaments this season British professionals have proved that they, too, can roll three shut into two by accurate approach and putting. If they can match their opponents in this department of the game they can win, since, on the whole, British professionals are straighter drivers than their long-hitting counterparts in the States. (COPYRIGHT)

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rant will be closed to
members from 26th October
to 4th November (both dates
inclusive).

By Order,

A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

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WONG CHING TUNG
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Chung Road, Ground Floor,
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Governor for naturalisation,
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BEST VINTAGE YEAR SINCE WAR
1955 Will Be One
Of The 'Greats'

Paris, Oct. 26.

A blazing hot summer has ripened a grape
harvest in France this year which, according to
the wine-growers, will rival any vintage since
World War II for fine wine.

Reports from producers in France and
Algeria, an important contributor to the French
production, all tell the same story: "An excep-
tionally high quality grape has been grown. The
wine will be first class."

The 1955 vintage will also be
stronger as well as of better
quality. Most of the grapes are
between one and two per cent
stronger in alcoholic
content than those harvested
last year.

The bouquet (aroma), sweet-
ness, body, colour, and pre-
serving power of wine—the
qualities which make up a good
vintage, or as the French call it,
a "great year" for wine, depend
to a large extent on the weather.

RIGHT CONDITIONS
A cold winter is needed to
exterminate ground pests, abun-
dant spring rains to water the
ground, and then scorching heat
to ripen the grapes and this
year's conditions have been
precisely in exactly the right
proportions.

The French grape harvest,
traditionally followed by a feast,
dancing, and copious free issues
of local wine to all who have
cut and carried the grapes, con-
tinues far into the autumn
months.

It starts as early as August 15
on the sun-drenched Algerian
plains near the Mediterranean,
and often extends into the
middle of November on the
chilly hill-sides overlooking the
river Rhine in Alsace, in eastern
France.

Here is the overall picture
pieced together from the
growers' first reports received
in Paris by the National Federa-
tion of Vinegrowers Association.

The 1955 vintage of the
Bordeaux light red wine, grown
in the Lyons region, will be
"one of the best France has
ever had."

In neighbouring Burgundy,
growers who bottle Chambertin,
Beaune, Chambolle, Volnay,
Pommard, the popular Nuits
Saint Georges, and dozens of
other makes say that their pro-
duce will be "excellent." The
bottles will keep particularly
well in store.

WHITE WINES
Most of France's white wines,
preferred by many epicures for
their delicate flavour, are pro-
duced in the Loire Valley—the
fertile "Garden of France"—and
in Alsace.

The Alsatian wines, Sylvaner,
Riesling, Traminer and others,
will be of "higher quality than
last year."

Fewer weather conditions
have had their effect, too, on
the banks of the Gironde
Estuary in western France,
favouring, sweetening and ripen-
ing the white and purple grapes
which are turned into the wines
of Bordeaux, a firm favourite
among British wine importers.

Wine tasters claim that each
acre of these rich lowlands,
with its own unique soil condi-
tions, produces a wine with a
subtle difference in taste to its
next-door neighbour.

In the Sauternes region, home
of a sweet white wine har-
vesters carefully separate each
bunch of grapes, once cut, from
those grown on vines only a
hundred yards away.

Medoc, Graves, Sauternes,
Entre Deux Mers (another
heavy sweet wine) and Saint
Emilion are the "King Wines"
of the Bordeaux country.

All of them, the growers re-
port, will be of "high quality"
this year, and the red wines
will be better than the white
ones.

QUANTITY LESS
Although the quality of this
year's produce will be superior
to that of last year, the quantity
will be less. This will suit the
French government, long
plagued by a wine surplus.

Total production, according to
provisional Ministry of Agricul-
ture estimates will be about
73,000,000 hectolitres compared
with 78,000,000 hectolitres in
1954.

The drop has been caused
partly by the ravages of the dry
Sirocco wind, droughts, and
attacks of mildew in Algeria
where the "crop" of heavy red
wine will be about 14,000,000
hectolitres instead of the aver-
age 10,000,000 hectolitres.

But it is also the result of
the government's appeal to vine-
growers to pull up their older,
less productive plants and sow
other crops instead. Some

farmers have agreed to do this,
but many of the tough,
independent-minded peasants
have refused.

Spokesmen of the Faure
Government said this summer
that it was hoped that 150,000
hectares of these poor-quality
vines would have been rooted
up by 1958. They added that
France would turn its request to
growers into an order if the
figure had not been reached.

Although Frenchmen relish
their national drink and some is
exported, France has had an
estimated seven per cent surplus
of wine for the last five years.
The huge vats, where the wine
is stored in the south have re-
mained filled to the brim with
the surplus liquid.

CHAMPAGNE
News of this year's fine
harvest will delight many an
epicure abroad, for wine is one
of France's most important ex-
ports. West Germany, for
example, bought 656,000 hecto-
litres of French wine last year,
but most of it was low grade.

Britain and the United States
vie with each other to head the
export list of the good quality
wines.

Champagne is also likely to
be of high quality this year. An
abundant harvest near Epernay
and Rheims "the centres" of the
champagne industry is expected
to result in some 35,000,000
bottles of this wine compared
with 30,000,000 bottles last year.

This year's grape juice in the
region will give the perfect
amount of alcohol, 11.5 degrees,
which is just right to keep the
future sparkling French cham-
pagne light, tasty, and full of
kick—China Mail Special

London UN Youngsters Visit Bloody Tower



A group of youngsters from the Merseyside, England, United Nations Boys Club last week visited the famous Tower of London, popularly called "the Bloody Tower" because of its history of executions. For most of the youngsters, who represented many different nationalities, it was their first trip to the British capital. The boys are shown here beside a cannon belonging to the Tower. They are, from left: Antonio Fayal, 13, of Portugal; Stanley Jenkins, 12, of Africa; Tony Tamm, 12, of China; Hamar Singh, 10, of India; Kenzie Ng Soo, 10, of China; Garry Tam, 12, of China; and Philip Chung, 11, of China. — Express Photo.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

By Air
Pakistan, Middle East, Africa,
Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Burma, India, 6 p.m.

Goa Police Post
Attacked

Goa, Oct. 26.

Five Indians stormed the
Portuguese police post at Belim
last night, killing its chief,
wounding his assistant and cap-
turing a policeman. It was re-
ported here today.

The police post is situated on
the bank of the River Mandovi.

The attackers fled when a
relief police detail appeared on
the scene. The Indians swam
across the river in darkness, the
report said.—United Press.

Argentine Government
Attacks Schoolbooks

PERONS CROSSED OUT

Buenos Aires, Oct. 26.

Behind a short announcement by the Ministry
of Education that pro-Peronist schoolbooks are
to be replaced as soon as possible by others, is a
story that touches the lives of seven-year-old
Elaine Frances Clark and hundreds of thousands
of boys and girls in primary schools in Argentina.

Juan Domingo Peron, the fallen dictator,
spent some time in Rome as Military Attache
during Mussolini's Fascist regime. How much he
learned from what he saw there is difficult to say,
but when he came to power as President in his
own country in 1946, he lost no time in following
the example of Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini and
Josef Stalin, in setting out to "catch them young."

He swept away the existing
textbooks and replaced them
with ones whose sole object
was to glorify the new Argen-
tina created by General Peron.
For everything that was good,
Peron claimed the credit, some-
times with justification, some-
times without.

In his assault on the im-
pressionable minds of the
children, he was ably aided
and abetted by his blonde actress
wife, Evita. Drawings of the
dictator and his wife were
liberally sprinkled on the pages
of schoolbooks. One showed a
classroom with a blackboard.
On one side of the blackboard
was a portrait of Evita and on
the other a portrait of Peron
looking down benevolently upon
the pupils.

school textbooks branched out
in a new direction. The work-
ers, carefully nurtured by
Peron and his wife, proposed
that Evita should be canonised
—a proposal to which there
was no reaction from the
authorities of the Catholic
Church.

Peron himself created her
"Saint Eva of South America"
—and the schoolbooks began
to reflect this concept. Evita
was depicted looking down
from Heaven with an angelic
expression on her face. While
the accompanying text suggested
that "she looked after you on
earth and now she is watching
over you from above."

Collapsed

The pedestal under Peron—
some referred to him even as
King Peron—nearly toppled
during the revolt in June of
this year. It collapsed under
him during the successful army
uprising in September which
sent Peron into exile.

With General Eduardo Lon-
ardi, leader of the uprising,
installed as President, a new

Nothing Subtle

There was nothing subtle in
these books. The texts were
sheer propaganda for Peron.
The Church authorities pro-
tested against this new trend in
the education of the young—
with little or no success.

Many teachers, aghast at the
affront to their intelligence
contained in the new books
played down the pro-Peron
angles. Intelligent parents, in
the quiet of their homes, tried
to correct possible distortion in
the teaching which their children
were receiving at school.

When Evita died of cancer
two years ago, the trend of the



For Peron—An "X"

democratic-inspired Govern-
ment has now decided that the
Peronist schoolbooks must be
scrapped.

These, said the Ministry of
Education announcement, had
been written "to laud Peron
and to inculcate totalitarian
principles, and thus could only
deform the minds of children."

Just after this announcement
was made, little Elaine Frances
Clark and the other school-
children in Argentina came into
the story.

Frances, as she is called, went
to school one day and teacher
asked them to bring out their
reading books. "Turn up page
12," she said. The children did
so. There, on page 12, was a
drawing of Peron in a vivid
blue suit with black tie and
black arm-band, in mourning
for Evita. The caption was "Our
First Worker."

"Cross out that page," said
the teacher—whom the children
did gleefully, with red, blue and
black pencils.

On another page, teacher told
her pupils to cross out a
coloured drawing of a placard
of Peron being applauded by a
crowd of boys and girls. And
so the crossing out process
went on.

Forgetfulness

The same thing happened in
schools throughout the country.
Frances is the daughter of Brit-
ish parents, and she has dual
nationality. There are thousands
of boys and girls in Argentina
like her. They, with hundreds
of thousands of purely Argen-
tine children, will now be led
along the path of forgetfulness
of Juan Domingo Peron and
Evita.

Most parents in Argentina
agree that that is good thing—
China Mail Special.

COUPLE ROBBED
IN STREET

A Chinese married couple
walking along Austin Road
last night were held up by four Chinese
men and robbed of two wrist-
watches, two finger rings, a
fountain pen and \$10.

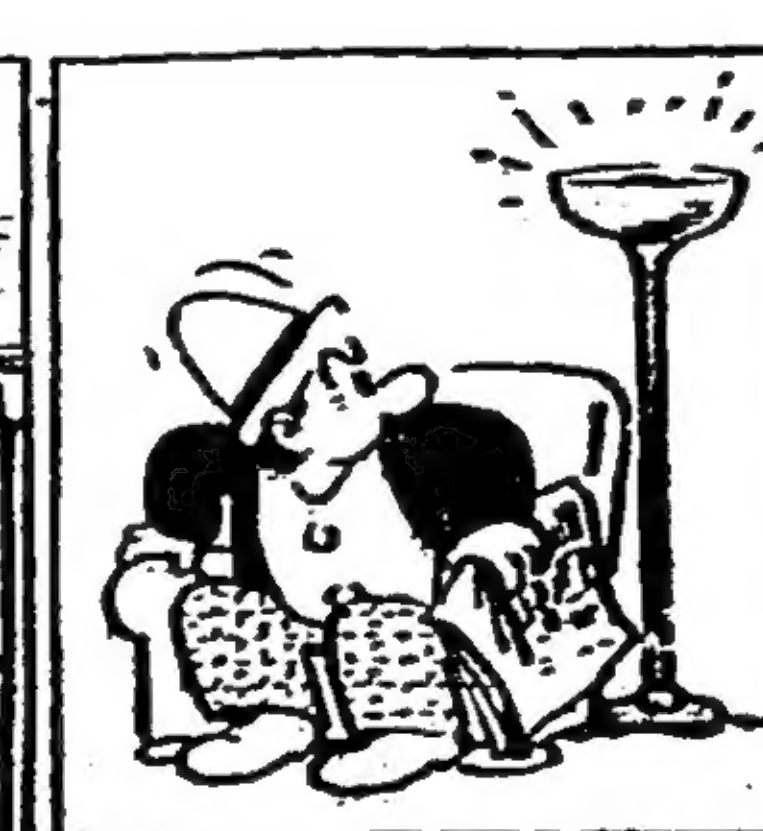
The couple were stopped by
the robbers about 20 yards
from Chatham Road. Two of
the robbers held their victims
by putting an arm round their
necks and the other two
robbers removed their valuables
which were worth \$188.

The robbers made good their
escape, but Police detectives,
under Det. Det. Insp. Watson
are making extensive enquiries.

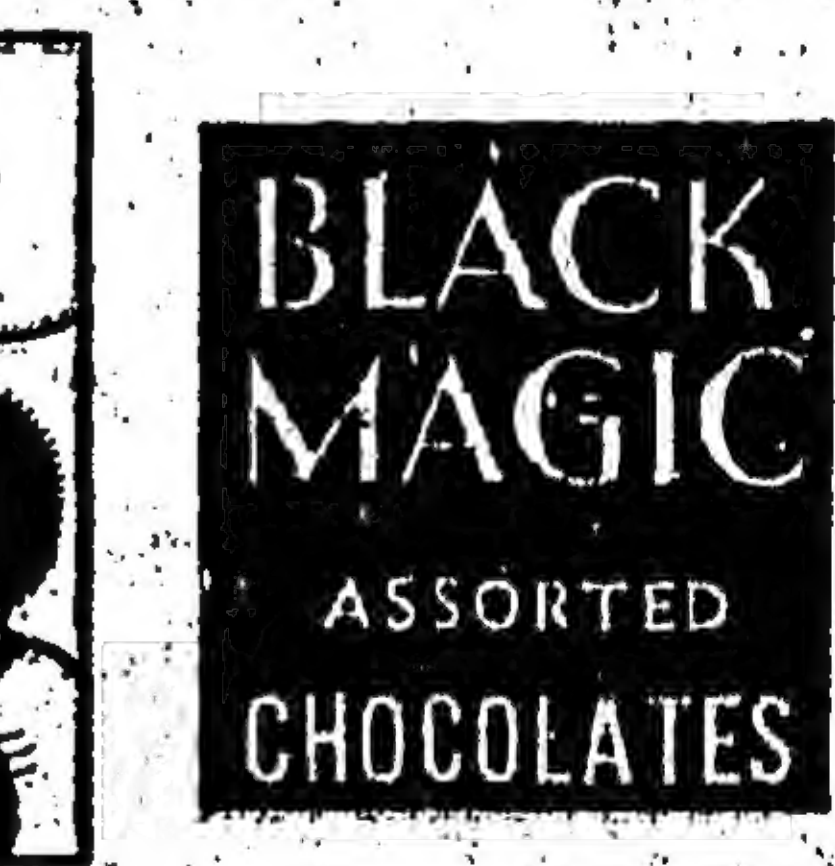
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